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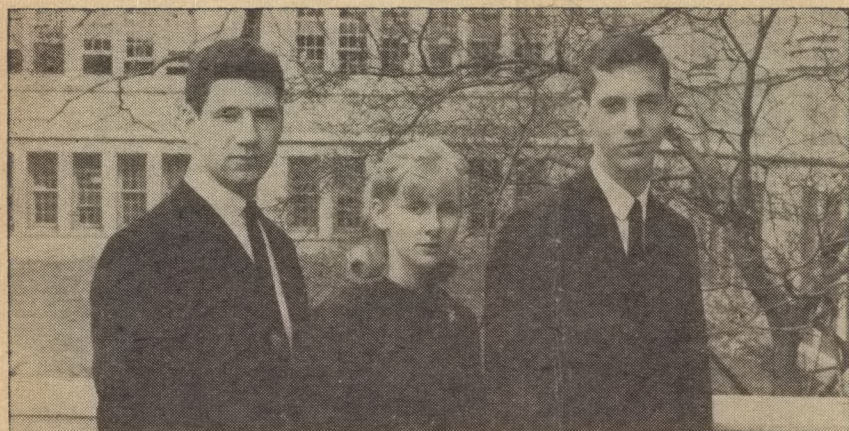
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Fleischer, Jahelka, Rubin Attain Top Graduate Averages



left to right: Harvey Rubin, Georgiana Jahelka, Arnold Fleischer

Six June graduates with the highest averages were announced this month by Miss Rebecca Grand, Administrative Assistant in Charge of Guidance. Their averages are an aggregate of 7 previous terms including the seventh. These students are: Arnold Fleischer, 95.33; Georgiana Jahelka, 94.79; Harvey Rubin, 94.42; Rhoda Zuckerman, 94.13; Lewis Coopersmith, 93.61; and Richard Josephson, 93.4.

Arnold Fleischer, of official class 8A, will enter Columbia University in the fall. He enjoys tennis, and was on the Tilden tennis team. Arnold, who has not yet decided which profession he will enter, is currently sports editor of *Topics*, as well as a member of Arista. He received a Scholastic Achievement Citation by Mayor Wagner.

Georgiana Jahelka, a member of Arista, has won the Mayor's Scholastic Achievement Citation. The associate editor of *Caravan*, Georgiana was also a reporter for *Tilden Topics*. She plans to attend Brooklyn College, and hopes to become a social worker. Georgiana is in official class 8A.

Harvey Rubin, another winner of the Scholastic Achievement Citation, intends to become an electrical engineer. He will attend the Columbia University School of Engineering in the fall. An all-around athlete, he is a member of the football team, math team, and the Arista baseball and basketball teams. The co-editor of *Senior News*, Harvey is also the senior class president. His official class is 8L.

Rhoda Zuckerman, of 8M, has won a New York State scholarship, in addition to being named a recipient of the Mayor's Scholastic Achievement Citation. On the staff of *Polyglot* now, Rhoda will be a Spanish major at Brooklyn College. She plans to be a court interpreter in the future.

Lewis Coopersmith, of 8G, will enter the University of Pennsylvania. He has not decided upon his future profession.

Arista, Longfellow Officers Selected

Gordon Settlow, Beverly Schreiber, Susan Saravay, and Charles Sanford were elected Boy Leader, Girl Leader, Secretary, and Treasurer of Arista, respectively, on Friday, June 2.

Gordon Settlow, who is the present editor-in-chief of the *Neophyte News*, will assume leadership duties from Dave Goldfield. Beverly Schreiber, who was a participant in Sing and is present Arista Secretary, will replace Marion Lehrer in the position of Girl Leader. Susan Saravay, new Arista secretary, was also a member of Sing and is on the staff of *Neophyte News*. Charles Sanford, leader of Neophyte Sing, who will be treasurer next term, is replacing Alan Kay.

Longfellows

Longfellow elections, held May 19, resulted in Mike Cohn, Clifford Steele, Robert Greene, and Robert Kraft winning the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively.

Polyglot, Caravan Editors Announced

The editors of *Caravan* and their faculty advisor, Mr. Everett Kerner, have selected next year's staff as follows: Pamela Polakoff, Editor-in-Chief; Dolly Bloom and Frank Clancy, Associate Editors, and Daniel Friedman, Art Editor.

For the first time *Caravan* will be given to all subscribed members of the G.O. with the cost being included in the dues. Mr. Kerner has expressed the hope that, with expanded circulation, many more students will contribute all forms of art and literature to the magazine.

This year's staff consists of William Wertheim, Editor-in-Chief; Jill Considine and Georgiana Jahelka, Associate Editors; and Pamela Polakoff, Art Editor.

For the past two years, the magazine has placed first at the Columbia Press Conference.

Polyglot, Tilden's language magazine, has also announced its editors for next term. The Spanish editors will be Janet Lipkin and Stephen Hochman, the French editors Barry Fox and Roslyn Koster and the Hebrew editor, Marsha Fishman.

Student Referendums Continue; Poll Statistics Tabulated

The results of the May, 1961 Opinion Poll sponsored by the Social Studies Department have just been announced by Mr. Abraham Venit, chairman of the department. This poll is the second in a series to be given to Tilden's social studies students.

The results are as follows:

	Yes	No	Opinion
1. Do you think that the United States should take independent military action, even if the approval of the OAS is not secured, to overthrow the Castro government in Cuba?	701	1208	213
2. Do you favor increased government spending as a means of full employment?	1448	459	306
3. Do you approve of the proposed meeting of Pres. Kennedy with Krushchev early in June?	1489	270	112
4. Do you approve of the general level and taste of present T.V.?	1116	850	243
5. Do you think that high school students should be held to higher and stricter standards of scholarship?	895	1196	46

This poll, the second in a series given to all social studies students was formulated by a committee of Social Studies teachers, headed by Mr. Max Brodsky and composed of Mr. Sidney Paley, Miss Gladys Preiss, and Miss Sifran Sammel. It is a representative sampling of the thinking of Tilden students with some 2000 of Tilden's 4500 students being polled.

Hyman, Rosoff and Berman Announced as G.O. Officers

Richard Hyman, Libby Rosoff, and Susan Berman, three "above average" candidates for G.O. offices, were elected President, Vice-President, and Secretary of Tilden's General Organization on May 26, 1961. The above evaluation of all the candidates was made by Mr. Joseph Smallberg, G.O. faculty advisor, in a pre-election *Topics* interview.

Richard, the new G.O. President, has a 91% average and is a member of Arista. Libby is also a member of Arista, a member of Sing, and was recently elected captain of the cheerleaders. Susan has also been an active participant in Sing.

As president, Richard will preside at all meetings. Jay Kranis, who is graduating this term, presently holds this position. Libby will help Richard carry out his duties in her capacity of vice-president. This position is now held by Neil Silverman. Susan, whose responsibility will be to take the minutes for each meeting and to handle all clerical aspects of the G.O., will replace Isabel Goodman.

A potential candidate to G.O. office must have a cumulative average of at least 80% and obtain fifty signatures plus those of his guidance counselor, Mr. Kahn and Miss Stieglitz. The nine candidates who are permitted to run must be interviewed by the Board of Governors and Mr. Smallberg.

Scholarship and Service Highlight Commencement



Back row, l. to r.: Kranis, Goldstein, Schatz, Rubin. Third row: Rothberg, Safransky. Second row: Jahelka, Wertheim, Considine. Front row: Lerher, Goldfield.

Commencement exercises for the 1961 Graduation Class will be held on June 22 at Brooklyn Technical High School.

In keeping with Tilden's tradition, the program will include a valedictory address by Georgiana Jahelka and a salutatory address by Harvey Rubin.

Scholarship is not the only field in which Tildenites excel. The following are the names of those students who received more than 90 service credits: Michele Baron, Janie Baum, Pamela Berger, Cara Brownfeld, Jill Considine, Lewis Coopersmith, Beverly Davis, Phyllis Dittmann, Harvey Fisher, David Goldfield, Robert Goldstein, Natalie Jay, Jane Goren, Nannette Gordon, Georgiana Jahelka, Alan Kay, Jeffery Kleinberg, Suzanne Kozak, Marion Lehrer, Myra Libin, Jeff Loger, Joy Norflus, Jerrold Rosenbaum, Susan Rothberg, Michele Rowe, Seymour Safransky, Walter Schatz, Michael Seeb, Laura Soroky, Rochelle Sosnick, Harold Sweet, Diana Turk, Aurora Vitale, William Wertheim, and Leonard Zwerling.

The graduation program begins with the processional march of the graduates into the Tech auditorium. It is followed by the traditional salute to the flag, the singing of *The Star Spangled Banner* and *America*, and the welcoming address and presentation of the class gift by the President of the Senior class. Following this will be vocal selections, the valedictory speech, band selections, and the presentation of honors and awards by Miss Rebecca F. Grand and Mr. Albert C. Zahn, Tilden's Administrative Assistants. Presentation of candidates for diplomas and conferring of diplomas will be done by Mr. Abraham Margolies. The singing of the school Alma Mater and the concluding recessional march will complete the program.

Students Interview U.S. Envoy to U.N.

Mrs. Marietta Tree, United States delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, conducted a press conference for the Metropolitan High School Council for the U.N. on May 18, in the U.N. General Assembly Building.

Mrs. Tree answered questions ranging from disarmament to her life as a delegate. She stated that the United States has given more money for the Congo Operation than any other country. On another point, she declared that no nation is justified in intervening, except by peaceful means, in the internal affairs of another nation. She went on to explain that the United Nations can prevent the infiltration and subversion of any harrassed country by bringing the matter to the attention of the Security Council.

Mrs. Tree stated that she feels the United States has proposed a workable disarmament program, but the Soviet Union, although just as anxious for disarmament, refuses to go along with the American stand on inspection. She brought out the fact that the Soviets proposed to form a triple Secretariat for the U.N. This, she feels, would weaken the body and make it less effective.

Senior Prom

Tilden's semi-annual Senior Prom will be held Friday night, June 23, in New York's famous Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The affair will begin promptly at eight o'clock. An estimated seventy-five couples will attend the prom.

Tickets for the Prom are \$22.50 per couple. Music will be provided by Cy Menchin's band.

This is the fifth consecutive year that the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel will host Tilden's graduation fete. Last year's prom, which was attended by two hundred and fifty couples, was a great success. It is hoped by Mr. Benjamin Diamond, the senior faculty adviser, that this term's will be just as successful.

Career Conference, Topic: Journalism

"The best way to break into the field of journalism is to start at the bottom," advised Mr. Caldon Boudreaux of the McGraw Hill Publishing Company during the career conference on journalism held on May 10.

Mr. Boudreaux, who's in the personnel department of his firm, spoke extensively about the qualifications necessary to pursue a career in journalism or advertising. He advocated the obtaining of a general liberal arts diploma first to broaden the budding writer's background. Next, the student of journalism should take a small job, perhaps even writing obituaries. "Even in this job, you can prove yourself," the speaker explained.

An advertising worker must have a basic knowledge of art, experience in public relations, and possibly an amount of familiarity with journalistic procedures. A liberal arts degree is preferable to a diploma from a business college.

The guest speaker made it clear that college graduates get top priority. "It takes high school graduates four years to get where college graduates get in six months," he stated.

Mr. Boudreaux assured the audience that advertising is not nearly as glamorous as it appears. "It is more glamorous from outside than from within."

In advertising and publishing, as well as in journalism, Mr. Boudreaux stated that "Opportunities are there for anyone interested in the field."

Editor's Choice

By Leonard Zwerling

In terms of journalistic notation, this issue of *Topics* is merely Vol. 63 No. 5, but in terms of a more sentimental nature, this issue is the last one that many of us will ever produce or read as Tilden students. "Editor's Choice," which has at times been both critical and overtly laudatory towards the school and its administration, is about to enter its final stage, what we call "morgitude." In this quasi-honorary position, it will remain for future generations of students to either read or ignore. It is to these future students that I dedicate my final column, for it is they who will someday face what we, as seniors, are facing today.

Whatever has existed in the past will remain in the past. But, whatever is to happen in the future will in a large measure be determined by what we do in the next four or five years. Many of us expect to obtain jobs in the fall and immediately proceed to rely on our talents for subsistence. On the other hand, a large portion of the class intends to enter college and further its education. These students hope that by their higher degree of education, they will be able to excel in the professions of their volition and secure a sounder future for themselves.

But, whatever choice you finally make, be sure that you will be able to stick to your decision and vault the obstacles that may be placed in your path in the process of fulfilling your goals. Society has set the laws of success and failure, and the only way to achieve success is to enter the competition with a decisive outlook and a pre-determined set of values. Whether your choice is college or career, you will readily discover that the first step you take will be the most important. The ones that follow are merely anti-climactic road signs on the superhighway called life.

And, speaking rather anti-climactically, let me end by saying this. During the term, I have been able to freely express my own ideas, and I would like to close my final column with one that will be everlasting. Good luck in whatever you endeavor, and by all means—Farewell!

Mr. Zahn Says - "Good-Bye"

Dear Tildenites;

The difficult decision to retire from Tilden is compounded of pleasurable anticipation of leisure for serious reading, gardening, and travel, and an inescapable sadness at leaving the cherished associations of these thirty-one years. Many memories of those years flood back in sharp focus.

My association with Tilden started weeks before it actually opened its doors. I was busy readying teacher and student programs for the opening in February, 1930. There were 2000 students, in terms 1 through 6. We used the Penhollow system, which was a rotating or stagger system by which each recitation class met during a different period each day. Luckily, this lunacy lasted only five terms, after which we adopted the programming system now in use.

The school grew so rapidly that in February 1931 I had the privilege of heading an annex at Temple Shaari Zedek. There, we had a small, happy, and intimate little Tilden of our own. The 700 students enjoyed the marvelous, close relationships between fellow students, and teachers, possible only in this "Country Day School" atmosphere. We all had a chance to know one another well and to forge friendships that have been a joy through the ensuing years. Those were the years of the Great Depression. One of its few benefits was the W.P.A. program which sent a constant stream of artists to the schools, and thus we had really memorable assembly pro-

Calamity Strikes On Kings Highway

This day started like all others. A crowd of Tildenites milled around the Kings Highway bus stop waiting for the school bus. Then, no one in the crowd imagined the twist of fate that would take away his constitutional right—the right to ride to school.

The bus arrived and the crowd pushed on as was customary. Suddenly as the vehicle made its way down the highway a queer noise was heard. The driver immediately stopped and yelled, "All out!" Nobody moved.

The full significance of his earth-shattering command was not realized. It was thought that the driver had "flipped," and at first his words brought no response.

Finally it was perceived that the driver meant business. A smart, egg-head, physics student, after applying the principles of inductive and deductive reasoning, came to the conclusion that a tire was flat.

The mass exodus began as the students filed out of the bus. They said it couldn't be done. They said it could never happen, but on this day Tilden students walked to school.

The Year At Tilden: A Review Of The Outstanding Events

For those students who were absent and/or not paying attention, *Topics* presents a brief summary of the major events of the school year.

September 19: Hurricane Donna strikes Tilden. In spite of some valiant efforts on the part of the student body, the school was saved.

November 19: Leon Meachly, star Tilden half-back, runs 130 yards for a touchdown. Unfortunately he was playing Monopoly at the time. He did, however, collect \$200 and pass go.

October 30: On Halloween night Arista student Edwin Goodfellow was arrested for riding the wrong way up a one-way street. When taken to court, he claimed the broomstick he was driving at the time had no turn control.

November 31: After proving that the Earth is flat, Earth Science 7 set out to find the edge. After a voyage of 3 days they discovered Poughkeepsie, New York.

May 13: The spring play, *The True Story of the Crimean War*, was presented. Many students didn't like it. It was felt that this was due to the refusal of the faculty to take the role of the Light Brigade.

grams, with fine professional musicians and vocalists as star performers.

I have proud memories of the war years. Those were difficult times, yet morale was high, and one sensed true patriotic dedication and a feeling of high endeavor among both students and teachers. Now we are again faced with a world in crisis, but I have a sure knowledge that Tilden will always measure up in gallant fashion to whatever America requires of its citizens, and that from the ranks of Tildenites there will come many a scientist, skilled technologist, and perhaps even an Astronaut!

The brightest thread that weaves itself in and out of my recollections is that from year to year Tilden has steadily raised its sights, improving procedures and tightening up scholastic aims and achievements to the extent that Tilden ranks high in scholarship, not only in New York, but in the nation. With the years, we have also achieved the dignity of reasonable discipline, and this has been accomplished within the framework of a happy school. I think you would be proud to know that throughout the city, it is counted a piece of good fortune to be assigned to Tilden, either as a student or teacher.

To Tilden, I give my thanks for good colleagues, valued friendship, and thirty-one years of rewarding work.

Yours truly,
Albert C. Zahn



Amateur Rebels Find Fiasco in the Village

If bank robberies were made legal, chances are, not many banks would be robbed. Taking the corollary of this: if you make something illegal, its desirability rises directly as its degree of illegality.

Unaware of this fact, Newbold Morris, New York's Commissioner of Parks, Comfort Stations and Wading Pools, decreed, mumbling something about trampled grass, that folk-singing in Washington Square Park would be illegal. He dispatched a battalion of cops to make sure his orders were carried out, thinking everything was settled.

Meanwhile, back at *Topics*, several amateur rebels decided to go down and investigate the situation first hand. After promising their parents "not to get into any trouble," and putting \$20 (bail money in their shoes), in case

they did, they departed for the wilds of Greenwich Village. On the ride over, visions of wild beatniks battling lean and hungry cops danced in their heads. However, they should have gotten some idea of what to expect from the fact that Washington Square is just a stop on the subway, not a stop on the Oriental Express.

Assembled outside the park when they arrived, were several handsome and clean-cut, well-dressed folk singers (who sang rather badly), some 300 tourists from Chicopee, Massachusetts ("... quick, isn't that a beatnik over there, John?"), 20 members of the ACLU ("we'll turn out for any good cause"), some 200 members of the high school press association ("... man, when's the fight gonna start?"), and some 200 cops (rather chubby and contented looking). Several men from CBS and NBC were running around telling everybody what to do and say.

Nowhere, was there a beatnik in sight. Various speakers in the group spoke about the injustice being dealt to the folk singers. The whole thing was pretty dull.

Everybody played a game of "Guess the Policeman's Precinct by His Button" before going home. They vowed, however, to return next week, just in case something might happen.

The week after that, Mr. Morris rescinded his ban; a pretty good thing. After all, how many weeks can you walk around with \$20 worth of pennies in your shoes? —Robert Kessler

Passive Resistors Defy Girls' H.Ed.

This is the dawning of a new and powerful movement. In our time, our own Tilden girls have won a cause against a power far greater than themselves, namely, the Girls Health Education Department.

In a passive resistance movement organized against the 31-year-old ruling of "a clean white sneaker on every foot," these girls fought valiantly, bearing outrageous fortune and failure marks to make Tilden High a better place for posterity. It is because of these girls that the future generations can be shod in the now permissible black sneaker.

Too many of you may feel that this change in Girls Health Education is quite unimportant. However, there is more significance than meets the eye. This is just a small example of what an organized student force can do to change unsuitable conditions into those that more suit their own inclinations.

Realize, student body, that there is a great strength in your mighty numbers. You can win "the battle for truth, justice, and the American way."

TOPICS on the TOWN



By Seymour Safransky

Your summer does not have to be a dull one... what you make of it is largely up to you. During the summer months there will be many activities taking place in and around New York which may tend to make the heat a little less oppressive and will give you a chance to see some good entertainment at moderate prices. Take special note of...

1961 *Forest Hills Music Festival*... This music festival, held at the famous Forest Hills Tennis Stadium, will feature such greats as Johnny Mathis, the Kingston Trio, Harry Belafonte, Victor Borge, and Jose Greco. Located two blocks south of Queens Boulevard at Continental Avenue, the festival will run from July 25 to August 27. For further information and ticket requests call BO 3-2370.

If you want a little deeper stuff... you can try Lewisohn Stadium, which will present its famous concerts between June 20 and August 5. You can hear Gershwin on Broadway; Rodgers and Hammerstein show hits; operatic highlights with Peerce, Albanese; and Louis Armstrong and his All-Stars. There are also 3—Night Beethoven and Brahms Festivals. Call Circle 7-7575 for further information.

Macbeth, *As You Like It*, and *Troilus and Cressida*... will be presented by the American Shakespeare Festival this summer as part of their summer festival. Jessica Tandy, Pat Hingle, and Kim Hunter will star in these three performances, which will run from June 6 to September 10. For ticket information write American Shakespeare Festival, Stratford, Conn.

Newport Jazz Festival... 4 nights only! June 30, July 1, 2, and 3. Call Circle 5-6272 for information on how to see and hear such pros as Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and Dave Brubeck.

30-30-30... signifies the end in the newspaper business. This is my last column for *Topics* and I would like to thank all of my loyal readers, (there are so few, you know) for bearing with me. So until you see my next by-line in some worthier publication (e.g. *New York Times*)....

30-30-30 — That's all folks!

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ON THE SIDELINES

with Arnold Fleischer

Traditionally, the last sports column of the year is reserved for a review of the past season's records and highlights. This year was marked by many notable events in practically every athletic classification. In my estimation, here are the high points in another exciting season of sports events.

Football dominated the first few months of the term, as Coaches Mars and Adler's husky stalwarts provided many a thrill for Tilden fans. Although the "Blue Devils" as a team did not repeat their outstanding record of the year before, one individual amazingly improved an already spectacular record. Few Tildenites, indeed, need to be reminded of the fantastic achievements of the incomparable Ronnie Bley, who came within six points of the all-time City scoring record and who was chosen for two All-American teams.

The basketball team was characterized by good, young, hustling players who lacked height but possessed a remarkably good coach. Although third-year Coach Jerry Gold could not duplicate another playoff berth, he did develop the nucleus of a fine squad for the future. Watch them next year.

The baseball team was, unfortunately, just the opposite of last year's squad. Coach Ginsberg possessed two fine pitchers in Frank De Blasi and Bobby Rosenthal, but lacked clutch hitting and reliable fielding. . . . George Pena, the erstwhile football star, was a pleasant surprise both in the field and at bat.

The track team, despite the illness of Coach Joe Solomon in the spring season, performed with its usual reliability under tennis Coach Jack O'Shea. The tennis team, by the way, enjoyed its best season, compiling a 4-2 record to finish third. The bowling team enjoyed a brief occupancy of first place until a disqualification sent them down. Coach De Fronzo's swimming team had another good season and wound up high in one of New York's roughest divisions. The handball team, under the direction of Coach Murray Adler enjoyed a wonderful campaign, despite the handicap of inexperience. And, last, a new rifle team was added to the roster of athletic squads. It was a very enjoyable year from a satisfying position on the sidelines.

Track Team Defeats Midwood, 63-39, After Losing To Wingate

Tilden's track and field team beat Midwood 63 to 39 at Tilden Field, on May 18, thereby recovering from two previous defeats by Wingate and Erasmus.

In the track events Tilden placed very strongly, winning practically every race. In the 100 yard dash, Nick Ucci placed first with Larry Moss second. In the 220, Anthony Angelo finished first with Willie Bright, football halfback, coming in third. In the 440, Fred Nocella finished third, and the 880 saw Jim Bisbee finish third. Robert Cope took a first place in the mile with John Donnelly coming in third. The time for the winner was 4:58. Angelo, Larry Moss, Bright and Ucci finished in first place in the 880 relay. Tilden also took a third in this race as Vega, Mitchell, Stopfer, and Brown raced strongly. Stopfer was a recruit from the football team and raced with hardly any notice at all. In the mile relay Golub, Weiner, Nocella, and Unger finished third.

In the field events, Tilden also placed very strongly, with many lower termers leading the way. In the high jump, freshman Pete Riccardi, a recruit from the football team, placed second. Terry Slofiss finished third. In the

Faculty Team Crushes Student 'Men,' 52-30

On Friday evening, May 19, the first annual Faculty-Student basketball game was held in the Tilden boys' gym. Despite their age and obvious lack of condition (not you, Messrs. Domershick, Gold, and Adler), the faculty team overwhelmed their younger opponents. Blending an unbeatable mixture of experience, surprising shooting skill, and basketball coach Jerry Gold's passes, the faculty triumphed, 52-30.

The game was close in the early stages, when most observers had thought the students would rush to a quick lead. Nevertheless, the student "men," as they mistakenly dubbed themselves, squandered several key scoring opportunities and were often outthrust by the faculty. The latter displayed some well-executed, exciting, and crowd-pleasing plays. Mr. Gold provided a good deal of the thrills with several cross-court passes to his former C.C.N.Y. teammate, Mr. Domershick. In addition, Mr. Domershick exhibited a seldom seen two hand set shot, which he took with remarkable speed and accuracy.

running broad-jump, Shapiro and Phillip Blaustein finished 1, 3 respectively. (Blaustein, by the way, is only a freshman.) The winning jump in this event was 16 ft. 6½ inches. In the hop, step, and jump, Blaustein and Harvey Fishbine finished 1, 2 with Fishbine's winning jump being 36 ft. 4½ inches. Richard Levy also registered a good jump in this contest. In the shotput, Fuster threw 44 ft. to record a third place.

Upon the termination of the meet, Mr. O'Shea expressed his approval of the fine relationship which is exhibited between the members of all Tilden athletic teams. Mr. O'Shea also said, "Both teams exhibited fine sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct. Their boys were good sports, which reflects the attitudes of their coaches, whose value cannot be estimated." Mr. O'Shea also gave his sincerest gratitude to Mr. Purdy and his staff who take care of the field, cut the grass, remove racks, and make possible the athletic events that are held on the field.

Mr. O'Shea, by the way, deserves credit for the admirable manner in which he took over for Mr. Solomon. Under his guidance, the team continued its fine performance for the remainder of the season.

Wallmen Gain Split; Obtain 4-4 Record

Tilden's handball team is near the close of the season, having compiled a 4-3 record against other Brooklyn teams. This record includes two victories over Madison and two victories over John Jay. A pair of defeats came at the hands of Fort Hamilton, and the other loss was to Midwood.

The team is composed completely of sophomores and juniors. All the boys are new to inter-school competition because all the members of last year's team were seniors who have since graduated. Being first year men, the boys have shown up remarkably well during the season. A victory over Midwood would give the "Wallmen" third place in our division. Coach Adler has voiced high hopes for next season.

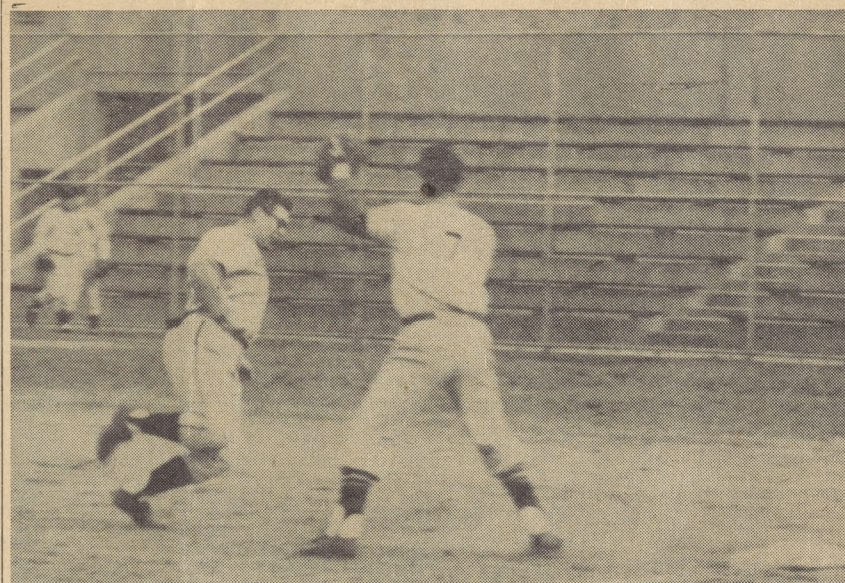
The top player and the captain of this year's team is Seymour Shtab, the first singles player. Another promising player, upon whom Mr. Adler bases much hope, is Charles Krasner. He is undefeated in competition and is the second singles player of the squad. Barry Drayer, who is also a member of the football team, is the third singles player.

The Tilden Wallmen have two doubles teams. The first doubles team is composed of David Swager and Ronald Kranzler. Jeff Hoffeld and Norman Bukofzer are the members of the second doubles team.

In their last meet, held at Midwood on May 22, the handball team lost by the narrow score of 3-2. This put the Wallmen's record at 4-4. Nevertheless, this has been an unusually fine season for a group of inexperienced players competing in a tough league.

Looking back at the past season, Coach Adler believes that his charges battled valiantly despite their handicaps. With this year's competition beneath their belts, they should become one of the city's top teams next year.

'Devils' Wallop Wingate 13-3, But Bow To Midwood 2-1



Not Like Football, Is It, George? Tilden rightfielder George Pena slides hurriedly back to first as the Madison first baseman awaits the throw.

After dropping decisions to Madison, Sheepshead Bay, and Midwood, the Blue Devils proceeded to bow to Erasmus Hall for the first time this season, being whitewashed 2-0. The defeat by the Dutchmen evened Tilden's record with their arch-rival for the season at 1-1, and placed the Devils down in fourth place in the league standings with a 2-4 log.

Frank De Blasi, Tilden's hard luck pitcher, hurled another superb game, only to lose once again, victimized by bad fielding support and a meager hitting attack. Erasmus, taking advantage of the breaks, scored twice early in the game, and made it stand up, despite the fact that the Devils had runners on base in every inning and threatened to break the game open many times.

This tough defeat refused to dismay Coach Ginsberg's "nine," and the combination of solid relief pitching by Bob Rosenthal and strong hitting by all members of the squad for the first

time this season, led Tilden to an overwhelming 13-3 victory over Wingate.

The "Blue Devils" took an abbreviated 1-0 lead in the first frame when Richie Beckelman cracked a run scoring single with two out. However, starter Neal Silverman couldn't hold the advantage, and a walk, infield hit, and long double to left knocked out Neal and brought Rosenthal in. Bob, wild at first, walked three straight men to force in the third run of the inning, but induced the following batter to slap in a lightning fast double play started by second sacker Artie Maisano. From there on, Rosenthal, though slightly off in control, pitched shutout ball the rest of the way.

After a couple innings of frustration, the "Blue Devils" exploded. Sparked by the strong hitting of George Pena, Tilden bombed out Wingate's starting pitcher, Steve Olshansky, with successive five and seven run innings to breeze to victory.

The Blue Devils then ventured to James Madison High School for a battle with the Highwaymen, conquerers of Tilden earlier in the season. Trying hard, the "nine" tried to snap the loss jinx, but once again fell victim to Madison, by a score of 7-4.

Frank De Blasi started on the hill for Tilden and was opposed by right-hander Bill Kilbrai. A run-scoring double by second baseman Matty Galente sent Madison in front, 1-0, in the first inning, but Tilden's left fielder Andy Graf answered back in the top of the second as he slammed a long home run to left center to score Joe Gagliardi ahead of him, and give the Blue Devils a 2-1 lead. However, Galente continued his torrid slugging and Bob Pasquarello chipped in with a titanic homer far over the clubhouse in left-center to provide Madison the margin of victory. Kilbrai, after being belted hard in the first four innings which showed Madison holding a slim 5-4 lead, settled down and pitched the last three innings in scoreless fashion to wrap up the game.

In their final two league battles, the Blue Devils were defeated in exciting hard-fought and close contests. Sheepshead Bay clinched the division title, downing Tilden 4-2 behind Billy Weisner's hurling, and Midwood, paced by Artie Rafkind's fine pitching, closed out the Blue Devil's season on a losing note, winning a squeaker, 2-1.

Thus, Mr. Ginsberg's team completed the season with a 3-7 record. There are many factors which contributed to the poor slate; chief among them was the lack of adequate batting skill and the relatively poor fielding. The squad was definitely hurt by many fielding lapses. But, with several juniors on the team, next year's outlook is bright.

DUG-OUT CHATTER

While the Tilden baseball team has not enjoyed a particularly successful campaign, there have been some players who have pleasantly surprised Coach Ginsberg with their unexpected performances. Among these boys are Andy Graf, George Pena, Bobby Rosenthal, and Mike Rubin.

Andy Graf, a tall, rangy sophomore, has developed into a very good outfielder for the Blue Devils. He throws and bats left and is a strong hitter. Currently, he sports a fine .333 average. His biggest thrill came in the second Madison game when he hit a tremendous home run over the center-fielder's head.

Most fans know of George Pena's heroics, but relatively few realize that he is a fine baseball star. A better-than-average outfielder with a truly "rifle" arm, George is a powerful batsman whose average is about .366. He has made many outstanding defensive plays including several extraordinary throws from the outfield.

Bobby Rosenthal was one of this year's outstanding pitchers. He also doubles as an outfielder and is a fairly good hitter. Only a sophomore, he displayed unusual potential.

Mike Rubin replaced the injured Al Ziperstein at third in the midst of the season. He proved to be a fine defensive player with a wide fielding range.

Artie Maisano and Mario Barbera are two other members of the 1961 baseball team who deserve to be mentioned here.

Artie teamed up at second base with shortstop Joe Gagliardi to form a solid keystone combination. A fine fielder and a fairly good batter, Artie was a key player for the Blue Devils this season.

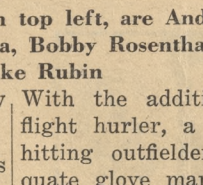
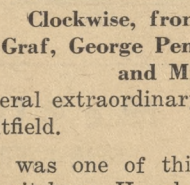
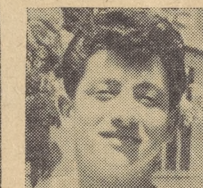
Mario Barbera was the Blue Devils' regular centerfielder this year. Short and stocky, Mario is a reliable outfielder but not a consistent hitter. Nevertheless, he came through in the clutch on several occasions, to keep Tilden rallies alive.

Next Year

Coach Ginsberg has reasons for optimism despite this year's poor record. He has an already fine pitcher in sophomore Bobby Rosenthal, good hitter and outfielder in Andy Graf, and two very good infielders in Joe Gagliardi and Richie Beckelman.

With the addition of another top-flight hurler, a strong-armed, solid-hitting outfielder, and another adequate glove man in the infield, the team will become a contender for the division title. Mr. Ginsberg hopes only for an improvement over this year's 3-7 slate.

The team was obviously hampered during the season by the absence of their slugging third baseman, Al Ziperstein. Mr. Ginsberg will have a hard job replacing him.



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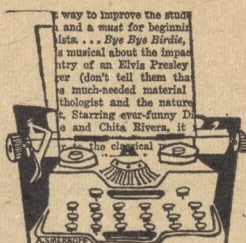
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Inside Tilden



By Susan Rothberg and Aurora Vitale

Here it is, our very last issue; the very last days of high school. Graduation represents careers, colleges, travel, new life, a change, and, for some—freedom. Nostalgia does begin to set in; take it from us. You look at the halls, at the other classes, at the soulmate who sits behind you, in front of you, or next to you—and at the things you've never seen before. Somehow, Tilden has become a second home whether we like it or not.

Those of us who are going to work know that these are the last few days of formal classes, homework, teachers, and school. A whole new phase of life is opening up—but it's different and the different always brings twinges of regret for the familiar. Those of us who are going to college know this isn't the end, but a prelude to more books, teachers, classes, schooling, and harder work. Thus, a new routine will take the place of the easy and the known. We are really at the top, only to begin again one level higher as a freshman in a higher school.

A Relative Makes Good

Mr. Murray Muraskin, son of Mr. Israel Muraskin of the Social Studies Department, received his Ph.D. in Math Physics from the University of Illinois last month. His thesis was titled: Proposal for Determination of ΣA Relative Parity by Means of Chev and Low Analysis of Reactions of the Topic A+ B+ C+ D+ E+ (Don't ask us to explain it; we had enough trouble just copying the title.)

Alumna in the News

Sharon Sherman, a member of the 1959 graduating class, is among the thirteen students at Brandeis University who will take part in the Hiatt Institute in Israel, sponsored by the Waltham, Mass., University. Sharon was valedictorian of her class, editor-in-chief of *Topics* (of course), literary editor of the yearbook, treasurer of Junior Sing and a member of Arista and the Dramatic Club. She was also recipient of a New York State Regents Scholarship. Sharon is now a writer for the Brandeis newspaper, the *Justice*.

Congratulations to . . .

Michael Cohn, Clifford Steele, Robert Green, and Robert Kraft, who are the new officers of the Longfellow Society.

Felicitations are also in order for Sherry Russakoff, Ilene Blaufarb, and Phyllis Kramer, the new captain and co-captains, respectively, of the Twirlers. Dale Baskin, 6Y and Libby Rosoff, 6C were chosen captains of the Cheerleaders.

Pulitzer Prize Winner

Dolly Bloom, Pam Polakoff, and Bill Wertheim, winners of the Scholastic Sheaffer Writing Awards 1961, attended an informal gathering of the winners who live in the New York and surrounding areas at the Donnell Branch of the N.Y. Public Library on May 18. Tad Mosel, playwright of the Pulitzer Prize winning *All The Way Home*, was the guest speaker. He told the students that a writer should know himself before attempting to compose anything. Mrs. Fuller accompanied the three winners.

Our Last Mistakes

In last issue's story on the Declamation contest, we omitted the names of the four people who worked most diligently to make this contest a reality. They are: Mr. Joel Dick, Miss Anita Goldmuntz, Mrs. Adele Fisch, and Mr. Everett Kerner.

Also, we misspelled the last name of Pam Polakoff in a headline. In addition, the prize she won as one of the five first prize winners in the country was \$75, not \$35.

A few issues ago we left out the name of Marion Lehrer, Girl Leader of Arista who gave the Introductory Speech at the Installation.

Brooklyn Philharmonic

The Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Allan Kneiter, was auditioned two weeks ago by three representatives of the Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra . . . which resulted in the selection of our Choral Society to sing with them next year.

New Record Group

Listen for the records of a new rock 'n' roll group called the *Emanons*. Making up this group are five Tildenites, Tony Minetti (lead), Harvey Handel, Barry Kraft, Harold Slatz, and Charles Williams. Good Luck!!!

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As all of you should know by now, the above sign means the end, la fin, el fin; no more to follow. That's the way it is with this column and its columnists. There comes a time when all the copy is in, edited, read, and printed; when the last deadline has been broken. There is no more to tell you, no more space to fill—nothing. To write a column together takes a certain conviviality of spirit which we hope we have had.

We would like to take this opportunity—the last—to make our own farewells to the entire faculty and student body whom we are leaving. To our class we wish that friendships won't die at graduation but will be sustaining parts of our lives. Newspaper people seldom get maudlin, but that doesn't mean they are not sentimental. To leave a staff you've been a part of for years brings a feeling of sadness, a completion of a phase of life. No longer will we be in the pulse rate of things in the *Topics* office, but we will go on to other things. The only thing which then remains to be said is . . .

FAREWELL!!!

Shakespeare 'Home' Visited by Students

On May 16, part of Tilden's hard-working student body ventured forth from the realms of Tilden University (?) to view, with much enthusiasm, an authentic Shakespearean Festival. The play, *Twelfth Night*, has been called one of Shakespeare's funniest comedies, and that statement was certainly confirmed by the superb performance given at Stratford, Connecticut.

At present, three Shakespearean theatres exist; the one in Connecticut, another in Stratford, Ontario, and the third, and earliest of the three, in Stratford-on-Avon, England, the place of Shakespeare's birth. All three have their following, and all an evergrowing audience as the massive population of the world takes time out from its busy schedule of exploring the past, the home of our forefathers, and the re-birth of literature.

The grounds at Stratford lent an authentic atmosphere to the entire surroundings, and, except for a modern art exhibit displayed on the theatre fair-way, probably appeared the same now as it did then (but, of course, now we have in-door plumbing).

The productions of Shakespeare in the United States, until the last few years, were mainly based upon the English tradition, and the most talented exponents were employed. Here, however, Shakespeare is given a feeling of, "Americanization" which tends to not make it so stiff-collared, but more free and easy, just as it appeared back in the days of yore when knighthood was in flower.

The entire adventure to visit a land of yesteryear left eternal memories in our impressed, though soggy hearts, and I'm sure that if all the students who went on that momentous trip were asked to go again, they would all gladly volunteer, but this time everything would be different; this time they would bring umbrellas.

—Justin G. Schiller

Good Luck on Regents Exams!!

Schedule of Regents Examinations June 19-22, 1961

	Monday June 19	Tuesday June 20	Wednesday June 21	Thursday June 22
9:15 to 12:15	English 4 yrs. Typewriting I 9th Yr. Math	Amer. Hist. & World Backgrounds	Biology Chemistry Combination Shorthand & Transcript Typewriting	12th Yr. Math. (Advanced Algebra) Bookkeeping 2 Yrs.
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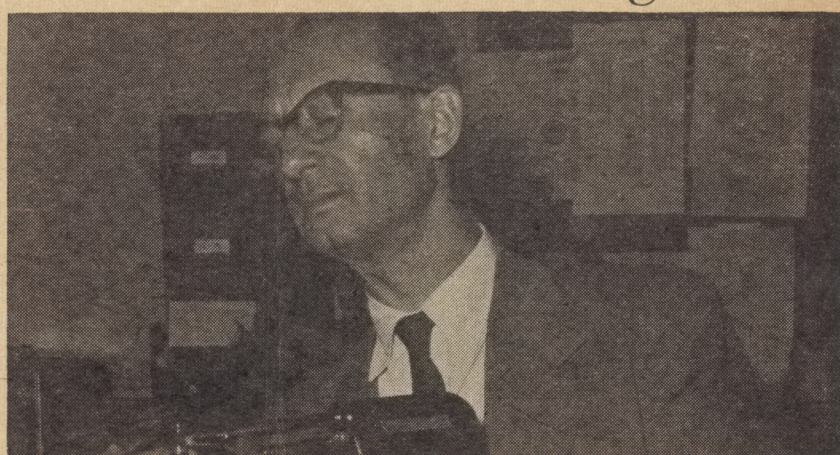
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Mr. Ernest Rosen

Almost unrecognized and rarely given much praise is one of the most dedicated and hard working groups of boys in our school, the Audio-Visual Squad. It is under the direction of Mr. Ernest Rosen of the accounting department and his assistant, Dr. Simmons of the physics laboratory squad.

This group of boys, headed by Joe Tavolacci, assistant manager, and Steve Buglino, co-manager, works at several jobs which require much skill and understanding of radio, television and motion picture projectors. Almost every man on the squad can repair any part of these machines. This versatility is invaluable. Any defective part of any of the machines can be repaired immediately and does not have to be out of use too long.

The main purpose of the Audio-Visual Squad is to aid in the explanation of lessons by the utilization of sound projectors, tape recorders, phonographs, slide projectors, and strip film projectors. The use of these media makes a

"Man Scores Hit In Spring Visit

The polished performance of *The Man Who Came to Dinner* in Tilden's auditorium on May 26 and 27 reflected the ingenuity of the Kaufman and Hart vehicle.

The completely professional quality of the entire production under the very able direction of Mr. Joel Dick, of our Speech Department, might be considered unusual for a high school performance.

The sets and lighting which were designed and coordinated by Mr. Wallach Hochman were realistic and well done, authenticating the action.

Paul Baumrind, a senior, was responsible for the breathtaking evening gown ensemble and dress suit worn by Susan Reif and Diana Turk, respectively.

Miss Anita Goldmuntz, also of the Speech Department, capably assisted Mr. Dick.

The play was centered around Mr. Sheridan Whiteside, critic, lecturer, and writer who breaks a leg while visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stanley, small town personages. While confined to their home during his recuperation, he takes complete control of the household and shocks everyone with his caustic wit.

Lewis Coopersmith's portrayal of the male protagonist was outstanding in a very demanding role.

lesson more vivid than either a textbook or a good teacher because the students actually see and hear what is happening.

Besides working in the class rooms, the Audio-Visual Squad members also work in the auditorium handling the sound and lighting systems. They work in the master control room behind the balcony switching lights on and off and adjusting the volume of the microphones on stage.

Since the Audio-Visual Squad offers much experience in electronics it is very valuable to students who plan to enter the electronics field. The squad is very willing to enlist new members whom they will teach a great deal about the mechanics of the radio and television field by working with the Audio-Visual Squad.

Mr. Rosen points out that the audio-visual squad's file of films and recordings is one of the most complete in the city. Many of the titles are used to illustrate and enrich the topics under study in the various departments of our school. It is hoped that these aids will be utilized even further in the future.

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